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## European Union Animal Welfare Standards

In May, 2005 the European Commission adopted a proposal for legislation covering the protection of chickens kept for meat production (broilers). The proposed legislation will be the first EU legislation specifically for broilers. Directive 98/58/EC lays down the minimum standards for the protection of animals bred or kept for farming purposes, however the standards are very general and loosely defined. The EU already has Directive 99/74/EC, which sets minimum standards for the protection of laying hens.

The proposal set a basic maximum stocking density of 30 kg live animals per square meter (m<sup>2</sup>) and a number of conditions addressing appropriate access to litter, drinkers and feed, as well as proper ventilation, temperature and humidity. Member states may provide that chickens be kept at a stocking density not exceeding 38 kg/m<sup>2</sup> in establishments, or single units of an establishment, if the owner or keeper complies with the requirements set out in Annex II, in addition to the requirements set out in Annex I.

### Annex I Requirements Applicable to all Establishments.

Annex I requires, among other things, that feed be continuously available and not withdrawn from chickens more than 12 hours before slaughter time; chickens have permanent access to easily crumbled, dry litter; sound levels are minimized; light follows a 24-hour rhythm including periods of darkness lasting at least 8 hours in total; inspections conducted twice daily; detailed record keeping. Establishments with less than 100 chickens, with breeding stocks of chickens, and hatcheries are excluded from these requirements.

### Annex II Requirements For the Use of Higher Stocking Densities.

Annex II details the notification and documentation required for stocking density over 30 and up to 38 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Each establishment must maintain and have available in the establishment a compiled documentation describing in detail the production systems. The ventilation, heating and cooling systems must not allow the concentration of NH<sub>3</sub> (ammonia) to exceed 20 ppm and CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) to exceed 3000 ppm; the inside temperature, when the outside temperature measured in the shade exceeds 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), cannot exceed the outside temperature by more than 3 degrees Celsius; and when the outside temperature is below 10 degrees C, (50 degrees F) the relative humidity inside the unit cannot exceed 70%.

Proposals have to be approved by the European Parliament and national governments before they can become law. Animal welfare groups argued the rules didn't address the genetic aspects of broiler chicken production.

Five billion birds are slaughtered every year in the EU. Stocking densities in most Member States are currently 40-42 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Producers fear that the increased costs for meeting these new requirements will aggravate the EU broiler sector's competitive disadvantage with Brazil and Thailand.

Source: Official Journal of the European Communities, EUROPA Rapid Press Releases, UK Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

## Japan Imports: Frozen Broilers (in MT)

	U.S.	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
<b>2004</b>					
January	1,674	6,658	11,075	12,190	31,597
February	331	935	16,155	0	17,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>7,593</b>	<b>27,230</b>	<b>12,190</b>	<b>49,018</b>
<b>2005</b>					
January	1,942	28	31,201	0	33,171
February	2,311	96	22,481	0	24,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>53,682</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,059</b>

Source: ALIC

## Animal Welfare Chapters, OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code

The International Committee of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) held its 73rd Annual General Session from May 22- 27, 2005. Delegates of the OIE voted to adopt global standards for the transport and slaughter of live animals.

Standards on animal welfare, included in 4 chapters, were adopted (i.e. slaughter for human consumption, including religious slaughter; land and sea transport of animals; humane killing of animals for disease control purposes). This is the first time an organization with a global mandate provides the international community with standards in this field. The adopted chapters went into effect at the conclusion of the 73rd General Session on May 27, 2005.

Although the OIE standards are a voluntary code they are important in that they provide a basis for the development of new or improved animal welfare laws.

Source: OIE Press Release, UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Press Release, EU Middy Express

## U.S. Exports: Broilers, cut up, to major markets, in metric tons

	Jan - Apr 2004	Jan-Apr 2005	April 2004	April 2005	March 2005
Canada	24,905	21,255	6,825	6,300	4,776
*PRC	12,652	22,764	9	8,293	6,648
Hong Kong	15,977	29,538	367	5,421	7,637
Mexico	49,058	67,917	12,591	17,273	18,699
Other World	301,723	403,483	59,473	93,043	86,829
Russia	186,702	192,763	61,184	78,102	50,667
Total	591,017	737,720	140,449	208,432	175,256

\*Peoples Republic of China

Note: Agricultural totals reported by the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, may differ from those reported by USDA, because of the exclusion of selected manufactured agricultural products by Census.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 11-Jun-05 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 11, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	507	409	5,950	4,961
Frozen	0	0	21	11
Dried	60	27	207	338
Total	567	436	6,178	5,310

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 11, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	46	200	2,524	2,592
Frozen	0	11	331	824
Dried	0	0	345	1,329
Total	46	211	3,200	4,745

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 11, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	17	0	67	177
Extra Large	5,270	3,816	33,900	44,756
Large	3,050	15,306	72,044	93,849
Medium	2,730	2,586	37,170	36,552
Ungraded	0	9,690	58,082	146,034
Misc	30	750	5,053	13,670
Total	11,097	32,148	206,316	335,038

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,605	1,510	3,115
Last Week	1,450	1,363	2,813
Same week yr ago	1,456	1,341	2,797
To-date/2005	35,637	31,487	67,124
To-date/2004	30,238	29,522	59,760

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	193	0	193
Last Week	284	0	284
Same week yr ago	401	0	401
To-date/2005	6,554	26	6,580
To-date/2004	5,827	68	5,895

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,798	1,510	3,308
Last Week	1,734	1,363	3,097
Same week yr ago	1,857	1,341	3,198
To-date/2005	42,191	31,513	73,704
To-date/2004	36,065	29,590	65,655

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Jun 17, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED**

--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	28.00-29.00	17.00-26.00	1,956,000	367,200
WTD AVERAGE	28.67	20.21		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Jun 17, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED**

--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	23.50-25.00	476,000	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	24.25		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.50-27.00	17.00-25.00	1,484,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.71	20.60		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	16.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 JUNE 2005.**

The market tone on tom drums was fully steady to firm. Demand was active on tom drums due to good domestic ground turkey movement and export demand with offerings light at best. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was about steady for the moderate to good demand. Offerings adequate. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was steady to weak as sellers attempt to hold domestic markets while moving excess inventories into export channels at lower price levels. Demand active into export channels on tom 2-joint wings at the lower prices, light to moderate for domestic. Offerings adequate to burdensome. The market tone was steady to instances barely steady on tom necks. Demand light to moderate. Offerings tight to fully adequate. For domestic: fresh scapula 103, plant grade non-basted 10-12 lb. 130 and 12-14 lb. breasts 135 cents delivered. For export: hen drums 41, frozen mixed mature and young destrapped tenderloins 142 cents delivered.

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	52	49.55	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	52	24.32	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.50	416	31.00	624
TAILS		W	25.00	40	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	34.00	108	34.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	132	81.57	619

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	208
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	34.00		34.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.50-83.00		82.13	155

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00-51.00		49.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	43.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-82.00		81.42	240

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	49.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	23.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	26.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	43.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	80.43	92

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00-51.00		49.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	26.00	8
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	43.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-81.00		80.43	92

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.